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Inter Patent Application of:

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Molecules Associated with Plants

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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

***Remarks***

The application presently contains claims 1-9. In the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to a substantially purified nucleic acid molecule, and a transformed plant, classified in class 800, subclass 298. and

Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a substantially purified rice protein or fragment thereof,